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Start Again • Numbers 5:11-31 & 11-14 • Message 2

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Review

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God is leading his people through wilderness to a place of blessing, but they are struggling to trust him and leave their old lives behind. WHAT IS YOUR WILDERNESS, AND HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO IT?

The Most Important Question

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Do I **<u>BELIEVE</u>** God is actually <u>**WITH**</u> <u>**ME**</u>?

DESPITE THE WILDERNESS • HE IS JEALOUS • SHE IS ACCUSED • IS GOD WITH ME? WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THIS KIND OF FAITH MAKE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE?

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2 CHRONICLES 15:2 • MATTHEW 28:20

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The Wilderness Challenges

Numbers 11:1-3

TABERAH MEANS BURNING

In the wilderness, we are tempted to **<u>GRUMBLE</u>**.

Numbers 11:4-34

4-6 • 18-20 • 31-34

In the wilderness, we **<u>C R A V E</u>** what isn't **<u>G O O D</u>**.

Numbers 12:1-16

1-2 • 3-10

In the wilderness, we blame what's **UNIMPORTANT**. MIRIAM'S SECOND CHANCE 11-16

Take it Home

WHAT IS YOUR WILDERNESS? PERSONAL, FAMILY, WORK, CHURCH? • TEMPTATIONS ARE THE SAME THE QUESTION IS THE SAME: IS GOD WITH ME?

Start again with **FAITH** in God's **PRESENCE**.

TODAY IS YOUR DAY TO START AGAIN, CONFESS SINS, FAITH IN HIS REALITY, FAITH IN HIS PRESENCE WHAT IS YOUR WILDERNESS AND HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING?



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